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## AUGUST REVIEW

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Due to the extremely dry conditions most of the month, wildfire danger was very high. Winter wheat yields were about average, with exceptional grain quality. Carrots, sweet corn, mint, spinach and onion seed were harvested. Garbanzo beans in Walla County remained mostly unharvested. Berry production was ahead of schedule this year. Raspberry harvest finished with yields below last year. Fruit harvest on early apple varieties and pears began. Livestock producers continued to feed hay as pastures dried up. Turfgrass growers in Thurston County continued cultivating very dry, dusty fields in preparation for seeding. Clam seeding continued in Pacific County, while oyster transplanting finished.

## PRICES

### AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR FARM PRODUCTS (DOLLAR/UNIT)

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Prelim. 1/ Aug. 2003	Entire Month		Prelim. 1/ Aug. 2003	U.S. Parity Price
		Aug. 2002	July 2003		Aug. 2002	July 2003		
		Washington			United States			
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.78	3.48	3.76	3.63	2.95	3.44	9.64
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	3.76	3.41	3.73	3.63	2.89	3.39	-
Wheat, Spring	Bu.	3.89	3.74	3.92	3.66	3.29	3.51	-
Barley	Bu.	2.29	2.74	2.72	2.68	2.74	2.58	6.52
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	2.38	2.17	2.13	6.59
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.67	1.47	1.42	4.12
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	-	-	-	23.20	16.80	17.90	50.30
Dry Edible Peas 1/	Cwt.	-	-	-	-	8.16	5.88	-
Potatoes, All	Cwt.	6.40	4.70	7.70	8.00	6.43	7.71	13.80
Potatoes, Processing	Cwt.	4.35	6.35	-	4.91	5.32	-	-
Hay, All (baled) 2/	Tons	110.00	107.00	102.00	92.40	89.00	85.30	-
Alfalfa (baled) 2/	Tons	106.00	100.00	95.00	101.00	92.70	91.00	-
Hay, Other (baled) 2/	Tons	128.00	140.00	138.00	71.30	77.80	69.10	-
Lentils 1/	Cwt.	-	-	-	-	15.90	14.00	-
Hops	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.32
Apples, Fresh 3/	Lbs.	0.219	0.200	0.203	0.245	0.200	0.383	0.486
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt.	-	-	-	64.40	75.80	78.50	160.00
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	-	-	-	67.30	78.80	81.70	-
Calves	Cwt.	-	-	-	94.90	103.00	105.00	215.00
Milk Cows 4/	Head	-	1,350.00	-	-	1,310.00	-	-
Broilers, Live 5/	Lb.	-	-	-	0.290	0.360	0.370	-
Eggs, Market 2/	Doz.	0.528	0.575	0.720	0.436	0.524	0.669	1.58
Milk, All Wholesale 6/	Cwt.	11.40	11.40	12.20	11.30	12.00	13.00	33.40
Hogs, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	31.90	42.80	41.10	102.00
Sheep	Cwt.	-	-	-	25.60	28.60	-	78.80
Lambs	Cwt.	-	-	-	75.30	89.40	-	185.00

1/ Monthly estimates began July 2003. 2/ All prices are mid-month estimates. 3/ Equivalent packinghouse door returns for apples for CA, MI, NY, and WA. Prices as sold for other states. 4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices available for January, April, July, & October. 5/ Equivalent liveweight returns to producers for most states. Includes growers and contractors. 6/ Before deductions for hauling and government withholding, but includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

### Asparagus for Fresh Market & Processing: Harvested, Yield, Production, & Value 1/

State	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Value			
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	Per Cwt.		Total	
							2002	2003	2002	2003
	Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
California	34,000	23,000	30	38	1,020	863	114.00	121.00	116,280	104,423
Michigan	15,000	15,000	15	21	219	317	53.40	63.00	11,703	19,971
Washington	17,000	16,000	37	38	629	608	71.40	71.20	44,893	43,277
United States	66,000	54,000	28	33	1,868	1,788	92.50	93.80	172,876	167,671

1/ Includes fresh market and processing.

## POTATOES: ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

Seasonal Group & State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
	1,000 Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.		
Winter Total 1/	15.7	14.8	268	281	4,115	4,206	4,153
Spring Total 1/	86.1	82.9	271	269	21,814	23,294	22,305
Summer Total	59.1	60.5	304	320	18,209	17,985	19,360
Fall: 2/ 3/							
California	8.2	8.0	520	-	1,424	4,264	-
Colorado	71.5	66.0	390	-	21,357	27,885	-
Idaho:	373.0	358.0	358	-	120,200	133,385	-
10 SW Co.	27.0	25.0	455	-	10,350	12,285	-
Other Co.	346.0	333.0	350	-	109,850	121,100	-
North Dakota	102.0	110.0	230	-	26,400	23,460	-
Oregon:	49.8	42.6	501	-	20,730	24,936	-
Malheur	8.0	5.8	400	-	3,690	3,200	-
Other Co.	41.8	36.8	520	-	17,040	21,736	-
Washington	165.0	165.0	560	-	94,400	92,400	-
Wisconsin	83.0	83.0	375	-	31,955	31,125	-
Fall Total	1,109.4	1,093.4	373	-	393,750	414,317	-
U.S. Total	1,270.3	1,251.6	362	-	437,888	459,802	-

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast. 2/ 2002 estimates revised. 3/ The first forecast of 2003 fall potato production will be published November 12, 2003.

## SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING, AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, & PRODUCTION

State	Harvested Acres			Yield Per Acre		Production		
	2002		Ind. 2003 Contract 1/	2002 Total	Ind. 2003 Contract 1/	2002		Ind. 2003 Contract 1/
	Total	Contract 1/				Total	Contract 1/	
	Acres			Tons		Tons		
Delaware			18,400		6.00			110,400
Illinois	13,800	13,800		5.80		80,040	80,040	
Minnesota	136,900	136,900	140,000	6.46	6.80	884,630	884,630	952,000
New York	16,800	16,700	17,700	5.30	6.65	89,040	88,510	117,710
Oregon	33,000	33,000	31,100	7.99	9.00	263,580	263,580	279,900
Pennsylvania	1,400	1,400	1,200	4.76	5.30	6,660	6,660	6,360
Washington	95,300	95,230	97,800	9.44	9.20	899,200	898,430	899,760
Wisconsin	84,200	83,800	88,100	7.08	7.20	596,050	593,450	634,320
Other States 2/	38,500	38,500	42,700	6.89	7.25	265,090	265,090	309,460
United States	419,900	419,330	437,000	7.35	7.57	3,084,290	3,080,390	3,309,910

1/ Includes acreage from major brokers.

2/ 2002 - DE, ID, IA, MD, NJ, and TN. 2003 - ID, IL, IA, MD, NJ, and TN.

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